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Claims 1 –12 (cancelled)

Claims 13 – 23 (new)

- --13. (NEW) An aqueous coating composition comprising:
- (a) an aqueous vehicle comprising water and at least one organic co-solvent, wherein water comprises no more than 80% by weight of the total weight of the vehicle, and wherein the co-solvent is water-soluble or water-miscible so as to form a single phase vehicle with water;
- (b) a pigment dispersion comprising a pigment and a polymeric dispersant, and
- (c) a film-forming, non-ionic graft copolymer binder comprising a hydrophobic backbone and non-ionic, hydrophilic side chains, said side chains having a number average molecular weight of at least 500, wherein the graft copolymer is soluble in the vehicle but substantially insoluble in water.--

- --14. (NEW) The composition of claim 13, wherein said aqueous vehicle comprises 60-70% by weight of water based on the total weight of the vehicle.
  - --15. (NEW) The composition of claim 13, comprising:
  - (a) an aqueous vehicle comprising water, a water miscible pyrrolidone, and a glycol ether, wherein water comprises no more than 80% by weight, based on the total weight of the vehicle;
  - (b) a graft copolymer binder having a hydrophobic backbone and non-ionic, hydrophilic side chains, which binder is soluble in the aqueous vehicle but substantially insoluble in water; and
  - (c) a surfactant selected from the group consisting of silicon surfactants and fluorinated surfactants. --

- --15. (New) The composition of claim 13, wherein the graft copolymer backbone is comprised of monomers selected from the group consisting of methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, styrene, alpha-methyl styrene, phenyl acrylate, phenyl methacrylate, benzyl acrylate, benzyl methacrylate, 2-phenylethyl acrylate, 2-phenylethyl methacrylate, 2-phenoxyethyl acrylate, 2phenoxyethyl methacrylate, 1-napthalyl acrylate, 2-naphthalyl acrylate, 2-naphthalyl methacrylate, p-nitrophenyl acrylate, pnitrophenyl methacrylate, phthalimidomethyl acrylate, phthalimidomethyl methacrylate, N-phenyl acrylamide, N-phenyl methacrylamide, N-benzyl acrylamide, N-(2phenylethyl)acrylamide, N-(2-phthalimidoethoxymethyl) acrylamide, vinyl benzoate, ethyl acrylate, n-butyl acrylate, 2ethylhexyl acrylate, ethyl methacrylate, n-butyl methacrylate, t-butyl methacrylate, 2-ethylhexyl methacrylate, cyclohexyl methacrylate, vinyl acetate, and vinyl butyrate. --
- --17. (NEW) The composition of claim 13, wherein the side chains have a number average molecular weight of 1000-2000 and comprise macromonomers which are
  - (a) soluble in water but are insoluble in non-polar orgamic solvents; and

- (b) made from non-ionic monomers selected from the group consisting of ethyoxytriethylene glycol methacrylate, methoxypolyethylene oxide methacryate, methoxypolyethylene oxide acryate, polyethylenoxide methacrylate, polyethylenoxide acrylate, and N-vinyl pyrrolidone.--
- --18.(NEW) The composition of claim 13, wherein the side chains comprise 15 60% by weight of the graft copolymer.--
- --19. (NEW) A washfast ink composition for use in printing of textiles comprising:
- (a) an aqueous vehicle comprising water and at least one organic co-solvent, wherein water comprises no more than 80% by weight of the total weight of the vehicle, and wherein the co-solvent is water-soluble or water-miscible so as to form a single phase vehicle with water;
- (b) a pigment dispersion comprising a pigment and a polymeric dispersant, and
- (c) a film-forming, non-ionic graft copolymer binder comprising a hydrophobic backbone and non-ionic, hydrophilic side chains, said side chains having a number average molecular weight of at least 500, wherein the graft copolymer is soluble in the vehicle but substantially insoluble in water.--

--20.(NEW) The ink composition of claim 19, wherein said aqueous vehicle comprises 60-70% by weight of water based on the total weight of the vehicle.--

--21.(NEW) The ink composition of claim 19, wherein the graft copolymer backbone is comprised of monomers selected from the group consisting of methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, styrene, alpha-methyl styrene, phenyl acrylate, phenyl methacrylate, benzyl acrylate, benzyl methacrylate, 2-phenylethyl acrylate, 2-phenylethyl methacrylate, 2-phenoxyethyl acrylate, 2-phenoxyethyl methacrylate, 1-napthalyl acrylate, 2-naphthalyl acrylate, 2-naphthalyl acrylate, 2-naphthalyl methacrylate, p-nitrophenyl acrylate, p-nitrophenyl methacrylate, phthalimidomethyl acrylate, phthalimidomethyl methacrylate, N-phenyl acrylamide, N-phenyl methacrylamide, N-benzyl acrylamide, N-(2-

phenylethyl)acrylamide, N-(2-phthalimidoethoxymethyl) acrylamide, vinyl benzoate, ethyl acrylate, n-butyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, ethyl methacrylate, n-butyl methacrylate, t-butyl methacrylate, 2-ethylhexyl methacrylate, cyclohexyl methacrylate, vinyl acetate, and vinyl butyrate.--

- --22.(NEW) The ink composition of claim 19, wherein the side chains have a number average molecular weight of 1000-2000 and comprise macromonomers which are
- (a) soluble in water but are insoluble in non-polar organic solvents; and
  - (b) made from non-ionic monomers selected from the group consisting of ethyoxytriethylene glycol methacrylate, methoxypolyethylene oxide methacryate, methoxypolyethylene oxide acryate, polyethylenoxide methacrylate, polyethylenoxide acrylate, and N-vinyl pyrrolidone.
  - --23. (NEW) The ink composition of claim 19, wherein the side chains comprise 15-60% by weight of the graft copolymer.--